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JORDAN WATERS

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IE ISRAELI PRESSURE PREVENT LEBANON TRANSPORT WATER TO SYRIA, EMBASSY SUPPORTS DEPARTMENT POSITION TAKEN IN FEBRUARY 18 TALBOT-HARMAN CONVERSATION, THAT U.S. CONCENTRATE ON CLEAR QUESTION AMOUNTS OF WATER AND LET FRENCH PURSUE NON-TRANSFERRAL PRINCIPLE. EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWING CFN 982 205 337 205 74 59 166 1703 FEB JQI

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

1) DESPITE FACT JOHNSTON NEGOTIATIONS MADE NO ALLOCATION HASBANI-WAZZANI WATER TO SYRIA, SYRIA IS CLEARLY A RIPARIAN, AND IF SYRIANYLHUK ZCTANDED SUCH ALLOCATION, JOHNSTON WOULD PROBABLY HAVE GIVEN THEM ENOUGHC!; 8.E. 8 MCM, FOR IRRIGATION IN BASIN. WE WILL CONTINUE INSIST TO LEBANESE THAT SYRIAN ALLOCATION MUST BE CHARGED LEBANESE "ACCOUNT" OF 35 MCM FROM HASBANI.

2) WE HAVE USED ARGUMENT WITH ARABS RE ISRAEL NEGEV DIVERSION THAT ONCE ALLOCATIONS WERE MADE, A RIPARIAN COULD USE WATER ANYWHERE IT WANTED TO. THIS AND FACT JOHNSTON PLAN ENVISAGED TRANSFER LAKE TIBERIAS WATER FROM ISRAEL TO

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KINGDOM JORDAN MIGHT BE CITED AGAINST ADAMANT POSITION ON NON-TRANSFERRAL.

3) ACCEPTANCE ISRAEL THESIS WOULD SEEM UNDERMINE US POSITION CONAINED DUTTON JUNE 17, 1964, LETTER TO KEATING WHICH CONSIDERS ARAB ALLOCATIONS AS A WHOLE IN DETERMINING COMPATIBILITY WITH JOHNSON PLAN.

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